

MRS. A. I. ROOT DIES SUDDENLY

End Comes While Sojourning at Winter Home in Florida

RESIDENT OF COUNTY OVER SEVENTY YEARS

Funeral Services to be Held at Old Homestead Here on Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Susan H. Root, wife of Amos I. Root, founder of the A. I. Root Co., died suddenly Monday evening at Bradenton, Fla., where Mr. and Mrs. Root had maintained a cottage for several years and where they went a few weeks ago to spend the winter months.

The family here have received but meager details concerning Mrs. Root's death, although they had anticipated for some time that her life was drawing swiftly to its close because of arterial changes. However, Mrs. Root had been feeling exceptionally well of late, and particularly happy because of the presence as a neighbor in Bradenton of Mrs. Ed. Nettleton of Medina, a friend of many years who too is sojourning in the South for the winter.



MRS. A. I. ROOT

Funeral services have tentatively been set for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the home of E. R. Root, a son, and the old A. I. Root homestead, conducted by Rev. Wm. Drew of the Congregational church, assisted by Rev. H. S. Fritch, of Hough Avenue Congregational church, Cleveland, a former pastor of the local church, of which the deceased was a loyal member.

Owing to his feebleness the aged husband was persuaded not to make the long trip back home with the body of his companion, which was expected to arrive here on Thursday. Susan Hall Root, daughter of Daniel and Mary Hall, was born in Ely, England, Aug. 12, 1842, and came with her father to live on a farm near Medina when she was eight years old. She married A. I. Root Sept. 29, 1861, and has lived all her life since in Medina with the exception of the winters in Florida for the past 15 years.

Modest and quiet in her tastes, she has always avoided publicity, preferring the background of a beautiful home life which she made for her husband and five children. All thru her husband's business life she was his support, confidante and wise counselor, and he feels that she deserves a large part of the credit for any success that has come to him. Also her hard work and wise management of the home helped him meet his obligations when he was starting in business.

As for her children, every one of them can echo the sentiment of a life long friend who once said of her, "She comes the nearest to being a perfectly useless person of any one I ever knew."

It was a great grief to leave her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren every winter, but she "mothered" all her neighbors in Florida and made warm friends for herself among those who lived near her.

At her sixtieth wedding anniversary, only a few weeks ago, all her family, including those who had come in by marriage, were alive and well. She leaves her husband, five children, 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The children are E. R. Root, H. B. Root, Mrs. A. L. Boyd, Mrs. L. W. Boyd and Mrs. J. T. Calvert, all of Medina.

KENTUCKY SHERIFF FORMER MEDINA MAN

Deputy Sheriff Al Hange returned on Sunday from Campbellsville, Ky., where he went to get Stephen Ford, recently indicted secretly by the Medina county grand jury for non-support. At the time of his indictment Ford could not be located. It was learned later, however, that his parents reside in Campbellsville, and the authorities there were asked to apprehend him if he showed up, which he did last week.

While in Campbellsville Deputy Hange was surprised to find that the sheriff there was an old friend and former Medina county man, Corry Monte, son of Frank Monte of Spencer.

FRIENDS REMEMBERED IN BEN WATERS' WILL

The last will and testament of the late Ben Waters was filed for probate last Friday, the bequests of which will be read with interest by many of the friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The property, much of which was in stocks and securities of various kinds, was distributed as follows:

All stock in The American Fuel Transportation Co., to Minnie Wells. Common stock in the Bankers' Guarantee Mortgage Co., of par value of \$1,000, to Henry and Anna Young of Chippewa Lake.

Preferred stock in Jillian Manufacturing Co., of par value \$400, and in the Goodyear Rubber Co., of par value \$400, to H. E. and Mary Schuler. Preferred stock in Miller Rubber Co., of par value \$200, and in the Danemiller Grocery Co., of par value \$200, to Jerry and Hattie Lanahan.

To Willard Wheeler was left deceased's auto, and stock in East Coast Fishery Co., of par value \$300. To his daughter, Mrs. Maude Rollins, was bequeathed the real estate on West Liberty street, where deceased resided.

The widow, Mrs. Anna Waters, in lieu of dower, was bequeathed the homestead, a year's support and all statutory allowances, and a real estate mortgage to the value of \$2,500.

Preferred stock in The Willis Corporation of par value \$400, was left to the First Baptist church of Medina. The last will of Ben Waters was executed in June, 1920, and named F. W. Woods of Medina as executor.

RECEIVER OF SPENCER METAL, OPTIMISTIC

John B. Child, receiver of the Spencer Metal Products Co., informed the Sentinel Wednesday afternoon that a plan he has formulated for the rehabilitation of the company through reorganization, will be presented at a meeting of the stockholders to be called within the next ten days.

A committee appointed at a meeting held last week to consider the plan, met at the company's offices Wednesday afternoon of this week, but according to Mr. Child the plan was only discussed in a general way, the committee, however, being united as to its wisdom. The committee consisted of J. B. Firestone, T. B. Allison, Francis J. Quinn of Cleveland, C. M. Fetzer of Lodi and Leroy Baker of New London.

By Mr. Child's plan the stockholders would receive one share of stock in the new company for every four they now hold in the old, the latter being estimated as worth about 22 cents on the dollar. Mr. Child states he is very optimistic over the ultimate outcome of affairs, particularly because of the favorable sentiment expressed toward his plan by practically all the stockholders with whom he has conversed concerning it.

BOOZE LAW VIOLATORS NABBED BY OFFICERS

Following a tip that booze was being illegally dispensed in the northwest part of town, Marshal White, Sheriff Bigelow and three or four citizens deputized for the occasion descended on the suspected locality Saturday night, found some booze and arrested one man whom they charged with violation of the liquor law. He gave his name as James Nelson.

Nelson and a number of companions were found in a shack in Rob Bowman's scale yards near the B. & O. tracks, where they were drinking and apparently having a good time. They all attempted to escape as Sheriff Bigelow broke into the room, but were prevented by Marshal White and deputies.

The officers then visited the Barnowski dance hall close by where a party was in progress. A search of the hall disclosed no liquor altho three quarts were stumbled onto in the yard by the officers as they were leaving.

Monday morning Mayor H. H. Hartzog fined Nelson \$300 and costs, the latter amounting to \$8.60, and committed him to jail until paid. He is still in jail.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR EXCEL RUBBER CO.

The Excell Rubber Co. of Wadsworth, which has been sailing against adverse winds for some time, went into the hands of a receiver Monday, the position being assigned to J. B. Irwin, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Wadsworth. This culmination of the company's affairs was brought about by Chas. Wertz of Akron, one of the largest of the concern's stockholders. The assets of the company are said to approximate \$100,000, with liabilities placed at about \$70,000. It is believed by some of those familiar with the company's affairs that the receivership is timely and may prove the means of preserving the company from bankruptcy. Attorney Schnee of Akron is counsel for the company.

MAY LEAVE ST. PAUL'S

Rev. R. K. Caulk, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church for the past four years, made announcement from his pulpit last Sunday morning that he had received a call to another parish, and would announce next Sunday to his congregation whether or not he will accept the call. Besides his church followers, Rev. Caulk has many friends in Medina and vicinity who would deeply regret his removal.

MAY ERECT NEW BUSINESS BLOCK

Company Negotiating For West Liberty Street Site

LEASE IS DRAWN, READY TO SIGN

Citizens' Savings & Loan Co. Ambitious to Operate in Their Own Quarters

That a new business building is to be erected in the village at no remote date seems quite possible, and if indications count for anything may be regarded as well within the range of probability.

It is known that the Citizens' Savings & Loan Company, recently organized, has been casting about for some time for suitable permanent quarters, and within the past week it has been learned that their desires in this respect have centered upon the site now occupied by the M. T. Wright book store on West Liberty street, owned by F. L. Harding.

While the officers and directors of the company are extremely reticent in making any definite statements by which they could be quoted, the Sentinel has authoritative information that the company has secured what is practically an option on the property, and a lease has already been drawn up, tho not as yet signed, granting rental of the property by the company for a brief period with the privilege of buying, the monthly rental amount and purchase price appearing in the lease.

Definite statements have been made by one or more of the company's salesmen that the deal is not only going through, but within a short time, in fact that building operations would be begun soon after the first of the year, it being the purpose of the company immediately after purchase of the property to dismantle the present frame structure and erect in its place a two or perhaps three-story brick building.

There are but few savings and loan companies in the country that do not own their own buildings, in fact this is one of the first matters of concern to a savings and loan company when it is once organized and ready for business. This point is being adroitly stressed by some of the directors of the local company and its promoters in parrying direct questions as to whether the company has definitely selected a location and decided to erect thereon a structure of its own.

The present occupant of the building, M. T. Wright, has a lease which we are informed does not expire until Feb. 1, 1922, and that he would be loth to relinquish it before that time, unless perhaps other arrangements could be made with him.

Present indications then in the absence of any specific denials by members of the company, and from what is already definitely known, point to a pretentious acquisition to Medina's business section at least some time the coming year.

LATE ADMIRAL LOGAN NATIVE OF LAFAYETTE

Announcement in the daily papers of last Friday of the death at the Naval hospital in Washington the previous night of Admiral Leavitt C. Logan of the United States Navy, was of special interest to many of the older residents of Medina county, particularly of Lafayette township, as that was the township in which Admiral Leavitt was born and reared.

He was the son of the late Samuel S. and Hannah Curtis Logan, who were among the pioneer settlers of Lafayette, having emigrated from the East and who became prominent for their active interest in the development of that township.

The deceased at a very early age evinced an interest in naval subjects, and received encouragement from his parents. Thus it was in 1863, when but 18 years of age, he was recommended for the appointment of naval cadet at Annapolis, by the late H. G. Blake, who at that time was representative in the National Congress from this district, and a close friend of the Logan family.

The boy passed through the rigorous discipline of Annapolis with honors, achieved one promotion after another, and in the war with Spain served with distinction in command of the gunboat Machias.

Early in his naval career he became a protege of the late Admiral Porter, whose eldest daughter he wooed and won, and who with two daughters and a brother, Major F. J. Logan, survive him. The latter, in charge of the marine recruiting station in Cleveland, was also born and reared in Lafayette, and likewise has many acquaintances and friends in this section.

Admiral Logan was 76 years of age and had been retired from active service for some years.

BURGLARS AT SEVILLE

The J. C. Murray hardware store at Seville was broken into and the safe blown Wednesday night. About \$35 was taken.

N. COURT ST. OPENS FRIDAY

Last Brick of Paving Laid Wednesday Afternoon At 2 O'clock.

SEMAPHORES WILL REGULATE TRAFFIC

Watchman to be on Duty Daily to Direct Two-Way Traffic Over One-Way Pave.

Hooray! Hooray! After many, many moons, North Court street is paved. Contractor Meilert and his gang finished the brick laying on the west side Wednesday of this week, the east side having been completed some time ago.

Friday afternoon is the time set for opening the street to traffic, but as this must all be done on the east side of the car track and as the pave is not wide enough for vehicles to pass, a set of semaphores will be installed to regulate the flow of traffic.

Tuesday of this week Surveyor Bibbins had the strip wired so semaphores could be operated electrically and a man will be on duty daily during the entire 24 hours, this being considered better as well as much cheaper than having a team on hand pulling autos out of the detour as was done last Tuesday.

As soon as the curb is finished on the west side and the paving is seasoned slightly this side will be opened, which will allow normal two-way traffic, and the semaphore system will be discontinued.

MANY AT O. S. U. ALUMNI BANQUET

There was a very good attendance at the annual get-together of the Ohio State Alumni of Medina county last Friday night at St. Paul's parish house a sumptuous dinner being provided by the ladies of the church.

In the absence of the scheduled speaker of the evening, many of those present cheerfully responded when called upon by the master of ceremonies. Miss Helen Mobart, and Mr. Bensinger of Lodi, a member of the first committee of 88 and president of the first alumni meeting to be held in Medina county, gave a very interesting talk. Reports on student activities were made by Miss Boyden, Mr. Leach and others.

The promised wireless message of congratulations from Uresident Harding was delivered at the parish house about 10:30 by C. E. Nold of Lafayette township, and reads as follows:

To the Men and Women of Ohio State University:

It gives me pleasure to greet you tonight, as you are assembled in hundreds of communities thruout this country and the world; honoring the State University of Ohio.

Education, whether it be acquired in the classroom or in the occupations of later life, is a significant factor in all that pertains to the progress of mankind. It must show us how best to serve others, nor should we take it for granted that the process of education ever ends. It is continuous and the results are everlasting. You have all a portion of your education yet to acquire and therefore I salute you as fellow-students of life.

Signed: Warren G. Harding

The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mr. Cassidy of Chippewa Lake; vice president, R. O. McDowell; secretary-treasurer, H. C. Coddington.

ANNUAL RED CROSS DRIVE NEXT WEEK

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 is the time that has been set by Sheriff P. C. Bigelow, chairman, for the annual county Red Cross drive for membership. To this end the ministers of the county will attune their services next Sunday to this great cause, as a special urge for the success of the campaign. The organization for the county canvas as arranged by Chairman Bigelow, is as follows:

Spencer, Mrs. Ada Brown; Litchfield, Mrs. Ray Hastings; Liverpool, Rev. Father Kitter; Brunswick, Glen Benjamin; Hincley, George Emmet; Granger, Harry Coddington; Medina, Homer Watkins and Mrs. Earle Blackless; Montville, Walter Clark; Sidney Hoddinott and Mahlon Fretz; Guilford, W. G. Brumbaugh; Westfield, J. A. Bingham; Harrisville, W. R. Grammis; Homer, C. F. Camp; Chatham, Thomas Brinker; York, C. G. Bohley; Lafayette, Harry Lance; Medina village, S. H. Brainard and R. E. Snedden.

A barn on the L. F. Abbott farm three miles east of the village was destroyed by fire Sunday evening about 5:30 o'clock, together with about five tons of hay. The cause of the fire is unknown. The barn was a comparatively new one, replacing one which was burned a few months ago. The village fire department was called out, but had only proceeded as far as the west side of the public square when it was learned that their efforts would be futile.

TWO CASES DISPOSED OF BY APPELLATE COURT

The judgment rendered in one case tried in Common Pleas Court some time ago was reversed by the Appeal Court the past week, while the judgment in another case taken to the higher court was sustained.

The first case was that of Flora Kreider vs. Joseph Rodenberger; the second the B. & O. R. R. vs. F. O. Phillips.

In the former case the plaintiff in error was sued by the defendant in error in the lower court for \$809.75, which defendant claimed to have loaned plaintiff. Defendant admitted receipt of money, but claimed it to have been a gift, and not a loan. She also filed a cross petition asking judgment against defendant for board furnished him amounting to \$824.50.

In announcing its decision the appeal court held that the evidence showed clearly that defendant while residing amicably in the household of plaintiff, visited the bank where his money was on deposit and asked that the amount in question be transferred to the credit of plaintiff and that a bank book be issued in her name.

The parties at issue reside in Wadsworth township.

The second case was one in which the railroad company sued for demurrage in the amount of \$271, on a car load of coal delivered to Chippewa Lake station to the Chippewa Shale Brick Co., of which defendant was at that time proprietor. Defendant claimed that the coal was not delivered to the proper siding at the plant, but was left standing in a car some distance from the plant, because of plaintiff company's inability to deliver to plant by reason of a defective "frog" in the track where the car stood. In its conclusion sustaining the lower court, the appeal court says: "We consider this whole transaction a bureaucratic meddling on the part of the Public Service Commission with private contract, unwarranted by law and good conscience."

MANY HOLSTEIN MEN AT FRIDAY MEETING

More than forty members were in attendance at an all-day session of the Medina County Holstein association, held in Medina last Friday, Nov. 25. The opening session was held in the Farm Bureau office and dinner and afternoon session at the Union hotel.

Secretary E. W. Nettleton reported a membership in the association of 112 men representing 1700 cattle, and expressed gratification at the goodly percentage present.

Mr. H. C. Barker was present and talked along the lines of club work and cooperation with the Farm Bureau and County Agent, and forming a co-operative bull association. Mr. Barker also made a strong plea for the members to advertise their cattle.

Mr. C. M. Crum of Lodi gave an inspiring talk on "Why I Keep Pure Breds." Secretary Nettleton also spoke on this subject. Mr. Chas. Dowd took up the matter of cooperative bull associations and went into detail as to the planning of such an association in this county.

F. M. Plank, Secretary of the Fair Board, was present and showed the members of the club that the Medina County Fair is doing more to promote pure bred dairy interests than any other county fair in the state.

The club decided to promote Holstein calf club work in the county for the coming year. R. E. Lance of Mallet Creek and Theo. Chapman of Brunswick, were appointed to supervise this work.

The matter of oleo was taken up and discussed. It was reported to the dairymen that a merchant at Coddingtonville had refused to handle oleo and the club in consideration of this, offered a unanimous vote of thanks to be sent to him for the stand he has taken. At the same time a committee was formed to work with the Jersey Cattle club in a campaign to decrease the use of oleo in this county. The committee named was J. O. Beachler of Granger and J. K. Bihn of Litchfield.

Active steps will be taken at once to get the bull association work under way. Arrangements are being made with Mr. Winshul of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for a meeting in Medina county. The date will be named later.

A special committee, consisting of E. W. Nettleton and Atlee Ganyard, to meet with the Fair Board and secure a milk concession for the sale of milk at the fair next year, was selected.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF FAIR OFFICERS

The annual election of directors of the Medina County Agricultural Society was held last Saturday afternoon at the town hall, conducted by Judges J. F. Beachy, H. C. Hulbert and F. J. Kindig and Clerks A. S. Canfield and E. E. VanOrman, who were appointed by President A. M. Baughman. The election resulted as follows:

For the three year term: C. L. Briggs, Harrisville; C. M. Crum, Lodi; Don L. Crawford, Seville; W. E. House, Lafayette; A. M. Baughman, Wadsworth township; John Ewing, Wadsworth village; R. E. Lance, York; C. C. Fenstermaker, Homer; C. I. Miller of Granger was elected to a two-year term to succeed L. L. Rummel, resigned, and who has removed from the county.

A meeting, the date of which has not yet been set, will be held some time in December for the annual election of officers and superintendents of departments for the Fair for 1922, and general reorganization.

BURGLARS PULL TWO JOBS HERE

Blow Safes, But Get Less Than Two Hundred Dollars

DRUNKEN WOMAN GIVES OFFICERS FAKE TIP

Checks and Insurance Policies Found in Road a Mile West of Village

Two local business places were burglarized early last Thursday morning, the safe in each blown open and looted, and an attempt made upon a third place.

As near as can be judged the burglaries took place between 2 and 3 o'clock, Stanley Funk's restaurant evidently being the first place attacked, and the Gibbs Motor Co. garage the second. At the former place about \$15 was taken and at the latter \$155, both amounts in cash. The doors on both safes were blown a distance of several feet.

Both Marshal Stowe White and Nightwatchman Al Hange were on the square at the time and state that they distinctly heard the explosions, but could not definitely locate the directions from which the sound emanated. Both men separated, White investigating about the public square and the north part of town, while Hange went down South Court street, thinking perhaps one of the explosions had been at the Farmers Exchange. As he approached the latter place he saw a man trying to effect an entrance through a window on the south side of the building. The man observing Hange at the same time, ran around to the east side of the building and disappeared in the darkness.

On his way back to the square Hange says he tried the doors of the Gibbs garage, but they were locked and he took for granted that everything there was alright. Later in trying the doors to the business places on North Court street he discovered the rear door of Funk's restaurant unlocked. Entering he saw what had occurred.

The robbery of the Gibbs garage was not discovered until 7 or 8 o'clock Thursday morning, by Earl Gibbs, as he was passing thru his place of business and observed the wrecked safe.

A singular circumstance attending both robberies was that the burglars entered through windows, which they jimmied, but left through doorways. At Funk's restaurant entrance was made thru a north window of the kitchen; at the garage also through a north window. The former was shielded from the street by other buildings, the latter by the close proximity of an automobile.

A monkey-wrench and blacksmith hammer were found lying near the Gibbs safe, but whether they belonged to some local shop could not with certainty be ascertained.

The officers state they have no clue to the robbers. An infuriated colored woman aroused Stanley Funk from sleep at his home about 3 o'clock Friday morning with the statement that two colored roomers at her house had committed the robbery. Investigation of the woman's story by Sheriff Bigelow proved that it was groundless, and was hatched by her while angered over a drunken row in which she and her husband and the two roomers had been engaged the night before. In fact, after she had sobered up she admitted the fabrication.

On Monday a boy picked up some checks and insurance policies of the Gibbs Motor Co. taken by the burglars and thrown away west of town.

MANY MEDINANS PAY MORE INCOME TAX

About half of Medina's business men and a number from out of town were called upon the carpet Tuesday and Wednesday of this week before Inspector Close of the internal revenue department, for failure to make the correct returns on income tax blanks.

Most of the errors pointed out by the inspector were the result of lack of knowledge in making out returns and were not made for fraudulent purposes, altho many of those called upon left checks for additional income tax, the government being several hundreds of dollars richer as the result of the inspector's visit.

MIND WAS CLOUDED

Last Saturday Jim Barta, who has been working for Nicholas Demeter on the latter's farm three miles west on Smith road, drove to Medina with a horse and buggy. On Monday the buggy was found on the road near Friendsville. On Wednesday Sheriff Bigelow received word from the authorities of Wooster that Barta was in the county jail there. Barta had wandered in a dazed condition to Creston, where he was picked up by the Marshal and turned over to the Wayne county officials. The horse was with Barta when he was found in Creston. Demeter was notified and on Friday went to Wooster and brought Barta and the horse back with him. Barta stated that he could remember nothing of his movements after leaving Medina.